

Date: September 5th, 2006

Subject: Opposition to the Amos/AMTA Massage Therapy Bill – HB5218

Distinguished Members of the House Health Policy Committee:

I am opposed to the Amos/AMTA massage therapy licensure bill because this bill fails to address a vital issue related to the protection of the public health. This issue pertains to massage therapists trained in Michigan massage schools, members of national massage associations, and who are nationally board certified -providing new age, occult and psychic psychological counseling services to the public.

Massage therapists trained in numerous massage systems such as Emotional Release, Reiki, Cranial/Sacral, and Zero Balancing, are illegally and fraudulently advertising and claiming to provide psychological counseling services including trauma and grief therapy, as well as, death, dying, and cancer psychotherapy. Of special concern are massage therapists providing early life regression therapy because of the danger of provoking traumatic memory recall in clients.

Massage therapists providing these services, such as the ones listed below with information taken from this website <http://healing.about.com> are directly violating Michigan laws pertaining to training, certification and licensure of psychiatry, psychology, social work and licensed profession counseling. These individuals work without any supervision or oversight, and usually have less education than a community college associates degree. In many cases their training is acquired in one weekend of study (Reiki).

Any bill regulating the training and practice of massage therapy in Michigan must address these issues and prevent unqualified individuals from illegally practicing counseling and psychotherapy in Michigan. The Amos/AMTA massage bill does nothing to address these issues, and in fact places control of massage curriculum in the hands of the massage schools owners who are currently promoting and teaching these practices.

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Reiki and Massage Therapy Practitioner

She's been a Reiki Master Teacher since 1998, creating much peace and pain free comfort for hospice and cancer patients.." In addition to physical ailments, she has **used Quantum Touch in assisting clients to heal emotional issues** with very nice results. **Location:** Kalamazoo, Michigan

Comments: Spiritual Counselor, Teacher, Meditation & Yoga Therapy, Medical Intuitive. **Diabetic-heart-cancer-stress therapy.** **Location:** Ferndale, Michigan *exp. 09/2006*

Emotional Balancing: My "specialty" is balancing and clearing the energy fields and chakras and straightening and connecting the client's hara line. This often releases blocked emotions and clears detrimental energy patterns, sometimes through several timeframes. The hara line work connects people to the Earth energies and the Universal energies, allowing for Divine inspiration and grounding for manifestation in this reality. **Location:** Holly, Michigan

Energy Massage Therapist: ... is a gifted channel, medium, Quantum-Touch Instructor/Practitioner, Reiki Master/Teacher, Seven Ray Healing Practitioner, Stone Healing Energy Practitioner, Johrei Practitioner, ear candler/coner, and spiritual artist. Her quiet and calming manner helps create the peaceful and relaxing atmosphere that the body needs to heal itself. Calling upon her Angels, Guides, Master Healers and the Ascended Masters she channels the Universal Life Force Energy that allows her clients to heal on all levels. **Location:** Fraser, Michigan